

OF NOTE

Briefings

★ **Sell a home**

Home Sellers class is **May 22**, 1-3 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
Register at 846-0741.

★ **Benefits**

Transition and the Survivor Benefit Plan Workshop is **May 23**, 9-10:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
Register at 846-0741.

★ **Bundles for Babies**

Bundles for Babies is **May 19**, 8:30-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center.
Learn about baby care, related financial issues and receive a free baby gift pack.
Register at 846-0741.

★ **Managing money**

Money Management class is **May 20**, noon-1 p.m.
Register at 846-0741.

★ **Federal jobs**

Federal Jobs Application Preparation Workshop is **May 21**, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Family Support Center.
Register at 846-0741.

★ **Start a biz**

Starting a Small Business Workshop is **May 21**, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center. Learn what

is needed to start your own small business.

Register at 846-0741.

★ **Work wardrobe**

Dress for Success Seminar is **May 22** in the Family Support Center. Learn how to dress for the civilian work world and for job interviews.

Men's work apparel is covered 9-10:15 a.m.
Women's work clothing is covered 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Register at 846-0741.

Closings

★ **Med group closings**

The 377th Medical Group announces closings in May.

No appointments are accepted today during Safety Day, or **May 17-18**.

The clinic is closed for the Air Force Materiel Command Family Day, **May 23**, and through Memorial Day, **May 26**.

★ **Education center**

The Education Center is closed **today** for the Community College of the Air Force graduation.

Education

★ **Scholarships offered**

A record number of students received scholar-

ships from the Defense Commissary Agency's Scholarships for Military Children program.

Scholarships of \$1,500 were given to 550 students among the 6,500 applicants. The figures indicate a 28 percent increase over 2002 in applications submitted.

The full list of 2003 awardees and the sponsoring business partners are available through a link at www.commissaries.com.

★ **More scholarships**

The Zia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is accepting applications for its 2003 Eloy J. Baca Memorial Scholarship.

Applications are due **today**.

Completed application packages, including all supporting documentation, should be given to: Sandra M. Maes, NCMA Zia Chapter Scholarship Chair, Directorate of Contracting, Detachment 8 AFRL/PKDP, 2251 Maxwell Avenue SE, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5773.

Call 846-4635.

★ **Distance learning**

Engineering degrees in management, explosives, materials and environmental are offered in a distance learning program by New Mexico Tech.

Attend an information

program **May 28**, 12:30-1:30 p.m., in Room 230 of Building 472 at Air Force Research Laboratory.

★ **CCAF graduation**

Graduation ceremony for the Community College of the Air Force is **today**, 2 p.m., in the Mountain View Club. A reception follows the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Events

★ **Army Ball**

The 2003 Army All-Ranks Birthday Ball is **June 14**, 5:30 p.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Cost is \$20-\$30 a person.

Call Col. Jack Jones, 232-6886 or 845-9867.

★ **Open house**

An open house at the Document Automation and Production Service, formerly known as DAPS, is **May 20-21**, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day, at 4600 Randolph Street in Building 1010, Room 154.

The facility provides printing, copying, document automation, copier management and other related service to DOD customers worldwide. Learn about the new speedier, convenient service capabilities, including electronic order and access to your billing information online.

Call 846-4294.

★ **'Welcome' tour**

Welcome to New Mexico Tour is **May 23**, 10:15 a.m.-3 p.m., starting from the Family Support Center.

Visit the Sandia Tram, Cottonwood Mall and Old Town on the West Side for a great introduction to Albuquerque.

Register at 846-0741.

★ **Heritage event**

The Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month is May. This year the event theme is "Salute to Liberty."

The Great Aloha Cook-out is **May 29** at Bicentennial Park, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with guest speaker Col. Linda Jones, the 377th Mission Support Group commander.

Tickets are \$7 at the door and \$6 for adults and \$4 for children in advance.

★ **Memorial Day**

Honor men and women in uniform of the past, present and future at the Memorial Day ceremony **May 26** at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial.

Musical prelude and chorale are at 9:30 a.m. Ceremonies are 10:30 a.m. Open house at the visitors center and museum follow. Bill Mauldin's bronze sculpture "Cavalry Sergeant," will be unveiled.

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★ Group picnic

The Hearts Apart picnic for families with deployed members is **June 7**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Millennium Park.

Volunteers are needed.

Call Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 046-0741.

Meetings

★ Heart Link

The Heart Link Spouse Orientation offers orientation, **May 22**, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Consolidated Support Building. The orientation is a great introduction to spouses new to the military lifestyle who want to learn about resources for military families.

Call Family Support Center, 846-0741.

★ Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart support group for families with deployed members has arcade night **May 23**, 5-8 p.m., at the Consolidated Support Center.

Enjoy dinner and games. Register with Tech. Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

★ Reunion

The Air Commando Association/Special Operations Annual Reunion in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is **Oct. 10-12**.

For details, call 850-581-0099 or fax 850-581-8988. Online, information is available by e-mail at aircomando@aol.com or Web page at <http://home.earthlink.net/~aircomando1/>.

Miscellanea

★ Leave donations

Civilian employees may donate annual leave by forwarding OPM Form 630-A to 377 MSS/DPCL. The form can also be faxed to DPCL at 853-1514.

New recipients are: Arnold A. Chavez, 377 MSS/DPF, 309 hours; and Angela M. Garvey, 377 CONS/LGCB, 712 hours.

Other recipients are: Esther M. Trujillo, 377 MSS/DPEO, undetermined number of hours; Clara Torres, AFRL/DEHE, undetermined number of hours; Claudia Cruz, 377 MED SPT SQ/SGSBR, 152 hours; Arnold A. Chavez,

377 MSS/DPF, 309 hours; and Angela M. Garvey, 377 CONS/LGCB, 712 hours.

Office of Personnel Management Form 630-A can be found at www.opm.gov/forms/html/opm.asp.

Call Alfreda Fain at 846-8953.

★ Repaving Texas

Phase I of the repaving project on Texas Street from G to K avenues continues for several weeks.

Follow construction signs and barricades installed during the project, seek alternate routes and drive carefully in the area.

★ Pedestrians

Use appropriate caution when crossing streets on Kirtland AFB.

All crossings should be at the intersection and with the traffic signal lights if installed.

Do not cross in the middle of the block or step off the curbs into the street where vehicle operators need time to stop, slow down or take other appropriate actions.

Parents ensure their children know how to cross streets in a safe manner.

The base safety office has received several reports of dangerous situations involving pedestrians and motor vehicles.

Pedestrians have the right of way in a crosswalk, but they are also required to cross in a safe manner.

★ Vehicle decals

Kirtland AFB vehicle decals are at Pass and Registration in the Consolidated Support Building.

Units doing their own registration should place orders at 846-6429.

Individuals must have vehicle registration, proof of insurance, drivers license, identification card and an emissions test for vehicle years 1975-2001 registered out of Bernalillo County.

Call 846-6429.

Personnel

★ TDY orders

Check with your orders approving officials before departing on temporary duty. The approving officials will discuss restrictions and entitlements for lodging,

per diem and meals.

If you are lodging in base quarters, proportional rate may apply. If you stay off base, a nonavailability number is required.

Orders approving officials will find proportional per diem rate in Air Force Instruction 165-103, Attachment 2. Ensure you are authorizing the correct per diem rate when approving your members' orders. For reference, use www.dtic.mil/perdiem.

★ Taxis available

The 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron can provide taxi service support for members in the 377th Air Base Wing and associate partners. Services are available to support customers from their duty locations to appointments or to pick up government personnel who have taken government vehicles for repair.

Other service included are airport pick up and drop off from duty location or billeting for TDY members, billeting to TDY duty location and back and military hospital appointments.

Also available are vehicles for members for U-Drive-It purposes, tractor-trailers, forklifts and bus support.

All services are for official use only and cannot be used for personal conveyance.

To request service or to ask questions, call 846-8294 or 846-2297.

★ Thrift Savings Plan

Thrift Savings Plan accounts open season ends **June 30**.

Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/ or by completing the form TSP-U-1 at Personnel, Finance or Family Support.

Information for civilians is at the Thrift Savings Web site: www.tsp.gov/ or the BEST home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm and for Air Force military members: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

All Air Force-served civilian employees must make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at 800-997-2378.

Hearing impaired employees may contact BEST by calling TDD 800-382-0893.

Counselors are available weekdays, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The BEST Employee Benefits Information System Web application is located at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST-GRB/EBIS.

★ Equipment sale

Restaurant and retail equipment are being sold by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service **today**, 8 a.m., in Building 1010. Sales are on a cash and carry basis only.

Recruiting

★ Flag bearers

Volunteers are needed for a flag detail **Memorial Day** in a ceremony at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Boulevard Northeast.

Volunteers from each of the 50 states are needed to carry flags of their home states.

Also wanted are two noncommissioned officers or officers to be in charge of two 25-person flag detail

squads.

Uniform of the day will be service dress without the new name tag to maintain continuity.

Volunteers will be scheduled for practices **May 21** and **22** at 2 p.m. at the memorial park.

Call Master Sgt. Kirk Powell at 853-5855 or Master Sgt. Ron Hall at 846-1407.

★ Blood drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives at Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

A drive also is at 377th Medical Group, **May 15**, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

★ Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life honoring survivors and people who died from cancer is **June 27**, noon, through **June 28**.

To captain a team or participate, contact Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Wills, 846-6283 or Sandy Rose, 846-3461.

★ Guard jobs

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., has traditional guard vacancies in:

1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T251, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E7X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4E0X1, 4N0X1, 4T0X1, 4Y0X1.

Full-time active duty opportunities are available in 2A5X3 and 8R000.

Contact Master Sgt. Ryerson, 109 AW/DPR, Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.af.mil.; DSN 344-2456; 800-524-5070.